

Museums, Galleries, Zoos, and Aquariums FAQs

What are museums, galleries, zoos, and aquariums doing to slow the spread of COVID-19?

Museums, galleries, zoos, and aquariums must ensure that all Public Health protocols are followed. Visitors and staff are required to use face coverings and practice physical distancing. To help slow the spread of COVID-19, the County is limiting capacity in museums, galleries, zoos, and aquariums, to ensure that visitors observe limits in exhibit spaces and galleries.

You should only visit a museum, gallery, zoo or aquarium with members of your own household.

Do I have to wear a face covering?

Yes, staff and visitors must wear face coverings while in museums, galleries, zoos or aquariums. This applies to all adults and children over the age of 2. Only individuals with chronic respiratory conditions or other medical conditions that make use of a mask hazardous are exempted from this requirement.

Will I have my temperature taken at these facilities?

Maybe. In some cases symptom checks will be conducted before you enter the establishment. Symptom checks must include coughing, shortness of breath or fever, and any other symptoms you may be experiencing. These checks can be done remotely or in person upon your arrival.

Staff will also be screened for symptoms.

Anyone feeling sick should stay home.

Will capacity be limited?

Yes, capacity will be limited to allow for physical distancing.

Are tours and live demonstrations available?

Yes, as long as the group is limited to members of a single household. In same-household tours or demonstrations, guides must maintain at least six feet of physical distance from guests.

The viewing areas for live demonstrations, animal shows, etc. must be reconfigured so that physical distancing can be maintained between household units.

Can I interact with the touchable exhibits?

Visitors should not engage with hands-on displays.

Can I visit the theaters inside museums, galleries, aquariums, and zoos?

No, theaters are closed at this time.

Can I eat in the cafes?

Yes, you may eat at restaurants in cultural facilities if they are open. All restaurants must follow existing Public Health requirements. Please check with the establishment before going.

Are field trips allowed?

Large group field trips are not allowed. You may only visit these destinations with members of your own household.

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